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SUBJECT: GOL TO BAN ARMS CARRIAGE BY LIBERIAN FLAG VESSELS

1. SUMMARY: EMB HAS BEEN INFORMED GOL WILL ANNOUNCE, PROBABLY TODAY, EDICT PROHIBITING LIBERIAN FLAG VESSELS FROM ENGAGING IN CARRIAGE WAR MATERIAL PORTS CONTROLLED BY EITHER SIDE IN MID EAST WAR. REASON SAID BE AVOID REPETITION EARLIER INCIDENT (UNKNOWN TO EMBASSY) INVOLVING LIBERIAN VESSEL OPERATING IN COMBAT ZONE.

2. SOURCE IN OFFICE GOL COMMISSION MARITIME AFFAIRS (INTRUSCO) HAS INFORMED EMB GOL PREPARING ISSUE DECREE PROHIBITING LIBERIAN FLAG VESSELS FROM CARRIAGE ARMS, ARMAMENTS AND "OTHER SUCH IMPLEMENTS OF WAR TO ISRAEL OR PORTS CONTROLLED BY ISRAEL OR TO PORTS CONTROLLED BY ANY OTHER COUNTRY ENGAGED IN ARMED CONFLICT WITH ISRAEL." PRESIDENT TOLBERT EXPECTED ANNOUNCE RESTRICTIONS TODAY.

3. APPARENTLY ORIGINAL INTENT ON PART SOME TOP LEVEL GOL OFFICIALS WAS BAN ALL LIBERIAN FLAG SHIPPING FROM OPERATING PERSIAN GULF, RED SEA AND EASTERN MEDITERRANEAN BUT BACKED AWAY WHEN POSSIBILITY RECIRPORCAL ACTIONS DISCUSSED. INTRUSCO SOURCE (AAND EMB) PUZZLED AS TO WHAT GOL WOULD HOPE ACCOMPLISH THROUGH ISSUANCE THIS EDICT. "PERSISTENT RUMORS OF LIBERIAN VESSEL INVOLVEMENT IN COMBAT ZONE INCIDENT" CITED AS JUSTIFICATION  
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FOR ANTICIPATED BAN.

4. ENFORCEMENT OF BAN WILL BE ADMINISTERED BY GOL DEPUTY COMMISSIONER MARITIME AFFAIRS IN NEW YORK. VIOLATORS WILL BE FINED ALTHOUGH CONFISCATION OF VESSELS HAS BEEN MENTIONED.

5. ACTION REQUESTED: EMB WOULD APPRECIATE RECEIPT ANY INFORMATION DEPT MAY HAVE ON INVOLVEMENT LIBERIAN FLAG VESSEL ANY MID EAST COMBAT ZONE INCIDENT.  
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